



# **Army to Realign, Cut Weapons to Fund Warfighting**

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WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Nov. 19, 2001)—The Army will soon move to realign the Department of the Army headquarters staff and cut a number of weapons systems from the drawing board in order to better support Transformation and the warfighting force, according to the Army's top civilian leader.

Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White made those observations during an Association of the U.S. Army [AUSA] symposium held in Washington Nov. 8-9.

"Being at war is no excuse for not implementing business reform—we should not assume that we're going to be granted an unlimited budget as a result of 11 September," White said. "The reality is that we're under fiscal constraints as a consequence of the enormous investment our nation is making in recovering from the attacks and pursuing the war against terrorism. Thus, transformation of our business practices cannot wait, and we're going to start at the top."

White, a retired Army brigadier and former chief executive officer of a Fortune 500 company, directed a task force last June to examine all functions of the Army and Secretariat staffs. The goal was to make realignment recommendations that reduce redundancy, maximize the use of technology, and incorporate other successful better business practices from the corporate world.

"No successful corporate headquarters in the world today is organized the way we are in Headquarters, Department of the Army

[HQDA]," White said when he initiated the staff review last summer. "We currently have two separate staffs, often performing some of the same or similar functions."

The recommendations are now in, but the Army will wait until Senate Armed Services Committee leaders and select budget representatives are briefed before releasing the results. However, White did say that the recommendations will allow the Army to move realigned military manpower slots from HQDA "to the tooth end of our warfighting capabilities" when incorporated.

The Army expects to complete the HQDA realignment by next spring, he said.

Two additional realignments are planned: one for the Army's field operating agencies and another for its major military commands.

The Army will recommend the elimination of a number of weapons systems under development, including the fire-and-forget Tube-launched, Optically tracked, Wire-guided missile system, in order to fund higher priority programs, White told reporters during the AUSA symposium. A list of those systems will not be available until it clears the Senate Armed Services Committee, according to Army officials.

"We have made difficult choices to focus the money where we think it needs to be," White said.

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